Policy aims to promote integrated, phased, enduring and self-sustained growth of the Indian automotive industry.

Concern expressed by U.S.A. on trade barriers

4992. DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite India's recent elimination of quantitative restrictions and reduction of import duties, the United States has raised fresh concerns about the barriers in trade with India on account of high taxes and tariffs;

(b) if so, whether the US Trade Representatives' Report for 2002 on foreign barriers has taken note of India's dismantling of QRs and tariff cuts;

(c) if so, what are the main objections raised in the Report; and

(d) the extent to which India has been able to remove the concern of US Government on trade barriers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The US has raised concerns about the barriers in trade with India. The US Trade Representatives' Report for 2002 on foreign barriers has taken note of India's dismantling of QRs, tariff cuts and improved access to the Indian market with the elimination of QRs and tarifTcuts.

(c) The US has raised concerns with regard to the taxes and tariffs being high, non trade barriers affecting trade, like labelling and registration, SPS requirements, etc. and also the deficiencies in the protection of IPRs.

(d) US Government has been apprised about the reduction in tariffs and removal *of* QRs. They have also been infomed about the actions being taken for protection of IPRs. US has acknowledged that actions taken by the Indian Governments has increased market access of US firms.

Industrialisation of Andhra Pradesh

4993. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the details of schemes being implemented and the incentives being given by Government for the rapid industrialisation of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The details of the schemes being

implemented and the incentives being given by Government for the rapid industrialisation of Andhra Pradesh are given in the Statement.

Statement

The schemes that are being implemented and the incentives being given by the Government of India for the rapid industrialsation of Andhra Pradesh.

Schemes:

(a) **Growth Centre Scheme:** Under the scheme 71 growth centres were proposed to be developed throughout the country which would be provided with basic infrastructure facilities like power, water, telecommunication, sewage, effluent disposal, etc. enabling them to attract industries. Under this scheme the State of Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned four growth centres at Hindupur, Bobbili, Ongole and Khammam. The scheme stands transferred to the States.

(b) **Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme (IID):** The scheme introduced in 1994, envisages to develop infrastructure facilities for small industries to facilitate location of industries in rural/backward areas. Under the scheme 57 IID centres have been sanctioned in various States of which 5 are in Andhra Pradesh. These are in the districts of Kurnool, Rangareddy, Nellore, Warangal and Chittoor.

(c) **Rural Employment Development Programme:** The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission implements the Rural Employment Generation Programme throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh, wherein margin money is provided for setting up khadi and village industries including agro and rural industries in rural areas. The total number of projects sanctioned under the REGP upto 31.12.2001 is 1,29,653 out of which 9487 are in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) **National Programme of Rural Industrialisation** (NPRI): Under the NPRI scheme KVIC, SIDBI and NABARD have identified five rural clusters for development in the State of Andhra Pradesh. These are as under:

(i) Mango Jelly Processing — SIDBI 00

Fruit Processing — SIDBI (iii) Idols,

Chittoor Distt —NABARD (iv) Brass

Metal —NABARD (v) Ponduru Khadi

—KVIC

(e) **Integrated Technology Upgradation and Management Programme (UPTECH):** Under the scheme the following three projects have been

taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the technology upgradation of small industries on cluster approach basis:

(i) Bulk Drugs & Formulation Industry Cluster

(ii) Diagnostic Study of Foundry Industry Cluster

(iii) Diagnostic Study of Fruit Processing Industry Cluster

(f) Prime Minister Rozgar Yojna (PMRY): This is a self-employment scheme for both rural as well as urban areas under which, beneficiaries are provided loans/credit by banks for setting up of industries, business and service ventures.

Incentives:

(i) Two district namely Srikakulam and Mahbubnagar of Andhra Pradesh have been declared by Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, as category 'B' industrially backward districts for grant of tax concession under Income Tax Act, 1961.

Units operating from Special Economic Zones, Export Processing Zones, Electronic Hardware Technology Park and Software Technology Parks and 100% EOUs are provided with tax holiday for 10 years.

For promoting new investments, new industries and industries with substantial expansion are provided with additional depreciation of 15% over and above the normal depreciation of 25%.

(ii) Under the Industrial Park Scheme-2002,100% Income Tax exemption is given to any undertaking engaged in developing, developing and operating or operating and maintaining and Industrial Park for 10 consecutive years out of the next 15 years when the industrial park is developed. The scheme aims at setting up of industrial park/industrial model towns/growth centre for development of infrastructure facilities within its precincts.

Growth centre in Borai, Chhattisgarh

† 4994. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Chhattisgarh for setting up of growth centres in Borai, District Durg;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the required funds would be provided for setting up of the centres?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.